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SUBJECT: COLOMBO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF ITS 20TH SESSION IN STRAS-
BOURG ON MARCH 8, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTED EMILIO
COLOMBO, FORMER ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER AND LONG TERM
TREASURY MINISTER, AS PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT. THERE WERE TWO
OTHER CANDIDATES: THE SOCIALISTS PRESENTED INCUMBENT
PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT GEORGES SPENALE FOR A THIRD TERM,
WHILE THE EUROPEAN PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS NOMINATED SENATOR
MICHAEL YEATS (FIANNA FIAL). ALTHOUGH THE SOCIALISTS
WITHDREW SPENALE'S CANDIDACY AND THREW THEIR SUPPORT TO
YEATS AFTER AN INCONCLUSIVE SECOND ROUND OF VOTING, THEIR
EFFORTS TO BLOCK COLOMBO FAILED AND COLOMBO WON AN 85-77
VICTORY IN THE THIRD ROUND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRAT FACTION, LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES. IN A BRIEF
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, COLOMBO TOUCHED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
RELATIONS WITH NORTH AMERICA, DETENTE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND DESCRIBED THE PRIORITY TASK OF THIS PARLIAMENT AS PREPARATION
FOR THE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SCHEDULED
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